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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

JAMES BLAKE *et al.*

Application No.: 09/733,239

Filed: December 8, 2000

For: CYSTEINE THIOL-PROTECTED
PEPTIDES FOR USE IN
IMMUNOASSAYS

Customer No.: 20350

Examiner: Emily M. Le

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.